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SUBJECT: US SUPPORT OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION SECTION

1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING TO
DDG ROMETSCH BY LETTER. QUOTE. ONE OF THE TASKS
(NUMBER F-17 OF APPENDIX 3) REQUESTED IN YOUR LETTER OF
13 DECEMBER 1977 DEALS WITH ASSISTANCE FOR IMPROVED
METHODOLOGIES FOR USE BY THE SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION SECTION.
WE ARE SEEKING TO FIND AN APPROPRIATE EXPERT TO SERVE FULL
TIME FOR A YEAR ON THE IAEA STAFF IN THIS SECTION. WE
BELIEVE THE WORK OF THE SECTION TO BE OF CONSIDERABLE
IMPORTANCE TO EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS AND, ACCORDINGLY, ARE
PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ADDITION TO A FULL-TIME
EXPERT.

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THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SAFEGUARDS EXPERTS IN THE US
WHO WE BELIEVE CAN PROVIDE THIS ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO
THE IAEA IN THE AREA OF SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
BUT WHO ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO SERVE FULL TIME ON THE IAEA
STAFF. WE OFFER THE SERVICES OF SEVERAL OF THESE EXPERTS
AS CONSULTANTS TO THE IAEA ON A PART-TIME BASIS AT NO COST

TO THE IAEA. WE ANTICIPATE THAT PART OF THEIR WORK WOULD BE DONE AT THE IAEA AND PART IN THE US.

IF THIS PROPOSAL FOR ASSISTANCE IS SATISFACTORY TO THE IAEA, DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ASSISTANCE COULD BEGIN IN APRIL. END QUOTE.

2. FYI. DR. ROMETSCH IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. FRANK HOUCK, ACDA, HAS ASKED FOR THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE AND INDICATED THAT HE PREFERS TO TREAT HIS REQUEST AS BEING COVERED BY THE WRITTEN REQUEST IN THE 13 DECEMBER LETTER. ROMETSCH HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE PARTICIPATION OF DR. CARL BENNETT IN THIS ASSISTANCE EFFORT BUT DOES NOT WISH TO DESIGNATE BENNETT FORMALLY AS A CONSULTANT BECAUSE BENNETT IS A MEMBER OF SAGSI. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IN ADDITION TO HOUCK AND BENNETT, EXPERTS FROM DOE AND NRC WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS ASSISTANCE. THEIR COLLECTIVE EFFORT MIGHT AMOUNT TO THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT ONE FULL-TIME EXPERT. END FYI. VANCE

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